

October

Hydref

Have you ever wondered why October is the 10 month in the year but that “octo” is eight in Latin? October was the eighth month in the Roman calendar but became the tenth month when January and February were added to form the Gregorian calendar.

The Welsh for October is Hydref and Hydref is also the name for the autumn season.

I hope that you have all been online to the IOP Members’ Network – [myIOP](#). It’s a great opportunity for us physicists to meet like-minded (or otherwise!) physicists online.

If you have anything that you think you would like covered in these e-bulletins, or anything you feel the Institute should be doing this year then please drop me an e-mail Angharad.Thomas@iop.org.

Best wishes – Dymuniadau gorau

Angharad

News in brief

Newyddion yn fyr

The [Technology Strategy Board](#) has arranged an Information Day for Wednesday 22 October 2008 to outline the various R & D competitions being planned over the next nine months. For more information and to register click [here](#).

The launch of [Beacon for Wales](#) was on 1 September 2008. Rhodri Morgan spoke at the event and emphasised the importance of science. For further information click [here](#).

If you are following the US election with interest, it is worth reading [Senator Obama’s response to science-related questions](#) asked by [Nature](#). Senator John McCain declined to respond.

It is now less than two years until the Ryder Cup is held in Wales. Are you interested in the [Physics of Golf](#)?

Travel bursaries offered by the [UK Resource Centre for Women in Science Engineering and Technology](#) (UKRC) are intended to help women in science, engineering and technology to attend a conference or an event that will benefit their career.

Institute of Physics in Wales

Sefydliad Ffiseg yng Nghymru

Our new branch chair and secretary are Dr Tudor Jenkins and Dr Eleri Pryse respectively, both readers at Aberystwyth University. The new treasurer is Dr Chris Allton, a lecturer at Swansea University. I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome them into their new roles.

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Sefydliad Ffiseg

There are seven forthcoming one day training courses, to be held during November 2008 at the IOP headquarters, London and also at the Cardiff Millennium Stadium, Cardiff. The two courses in Cardiff are people management and project management. For more information and to book please click [here](#).

Did you know we have a presence on [YouTube](#)! For videos relating to the IOP and for links to other interesting physics videos click [here](#).

For current information about the Wakeham review click [here](#).

[Forthcoming Institute conferences](#)

[What's on in physics](#)

physicsweb events listing which lists [all physics related events](#).

Events in Wales Digwyddiadau yng Nghymru

In October the [e-Business for Wales Roadshow](#) will be visiting eight locations in Wales. For further details click [here](#).

An IWA conference [Wales in the World](#) is being held at the Holiday Inn, Cardiff on Monday 20 October 2008.

Fancy a holiday in Wales. [Visit Wales](#)!

For information on what's going on in Wales – have a look at "[What's on Wales](#)" or "[Golwg ar Gymru](#)".

Useful Links

Cysylltiadau Defnyddiol

[EPSRC](#) – Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council

[STFC](#) – Science and Technology Facilities Council

[HEFCW](#) – Higher Education Funding Council for Wales / Cyngor Cyllido Addysg Uwch Cymru

bbc.co.uk/wales / bbc.co.uk/cymru – BBC Wales / BBC Cymru website

[The National Assembly for Wales](#) / [Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru](#)

[The Welsh Assembly Government](#) / [Llywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru](#)

[European Commission – Research](#)

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